

City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139, www.miamibeachfl.gov

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, Nannette Rodriguez
Tel: 305-673-7010, Fax: 305-673-7229, E-mail: nrodriguez@miamibeachfl.gov

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 24, 2014

## Miami Beach Honors 20 Years of Women Worth Knowing —As Part of Women's History Month—

**Miami Beach, FL –** In celebration of Women's History Month, the City of Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women has honored local women for their contributions to the community for over 20 years. On March 11 at the Dream Hotel from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., they will celebrate the achievements of the 81 Miami Beach women. The event is free and open to the public.

The Women Worth Knowing program honors women who have made a difference to the community. Each of the women who has been honored the award was actively involved in fostering positive change in the community through involvement in civic activities.

"Women are a powerful voice on Miami Beach," said Mercedes Carlson, chairperson, Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women. "And these women exemplify the values that we most cherish - integrity, professionalism and a true caring for the community in which we live."

Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women serves as an advisory capacity to the City Commission. The purpose of the commission is to support efforts for economic, political, and social equality and opportunity for all women, with special emphasis on the needs of women on Miami Beach.

For more information, call Leonor Hernandez, City Liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women, at 305.673.7035.

## Women Worth Knowing recipients:

1993

Judge Jeri Cohen Loretta Dranoff Commissioner Susan Gottlieb Ruth Greenfield Rabbi Rachel Hertzman 1999

Jennifer Valoppi Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz Rosa Borgen

1994

Joy Alschuler
Betsy Kaplan
Judge Amy Steele Donner
Judge Eleanor Shockett
Josefina Carbonell
Matti Herrera Bower

Mona Lighte

2000

Judge Amy Karan Judith Nelson Drucker Maria B. Gutierrez Glenna Milberg

**1995** 

Linda Potansky
Mayra Diaz-Buttacavoli
Phyllis Miller
Belle Jurkowitz
Edith Gelber

**2001** 

Elaine Bloom Joan Glickstein Dena Stewart Linda Stewart

**1996** 

Hazel Cypen
Judith Gilbert-Gould
Jean Jacobson
Bernice Martinez
Hazel Ruffin

2002

Maritza Ejenbaum Carmen Granda Marcy Lefton Karen Tager Rivo

1997

Jane Goodman
Evelyn Manset
Laura Varela
Jacqueline S. Hertz
Myra Farr (deceased)
Jeanne O'Laughlin

2003

Judith Berenson Sheila Duffy-Lehrman Ana Kasdin Phoebe Morse

1998

Honorable Beth Bloom Sharon Kersten Liliam M. Lopez Maria Ruiz Diana Susi **2004** 

Ada Llerandi Patricia Silverman Ronnie Singer Marjorie York

## <u>2005</u>

Dr. Georgina Garcia

Elsie Sterling Howard Judge Shelley J. Kravitz

**2006** 

Jo Asmundsson Dale Gratz Jane Gross Merle Weiss

**2007** 

Marice Cohn Band Karen Fryd Deborah Markham-Ruggiero

2008

Gail Unger Elizabeth Gadinsky Wendy Unger <u>2011</u>

Donna Zemo
Elizabeth Schwartz
Margarita Cepeda-Leonardo
Laurie Jamieson

**2012** 

Sabrina Cohen Sherry Roberts Elsa Urquiza Randi Hofer, Posthumously

2013

Dr. Judy Schaechter Shelley Groff

#